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Hiro Mashima

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THE RAVE MASTER CREW

HARU GLORY

A short-tempered boy hunted across all the world. As the **Rave Master** (the only one capable of using the holy weapon Rave), Haru is the first to receive Rave Stones and defeat Demon Card. He fights with the **Sun Powers Sword**, a weapon that takes on different forms as he commands. With Demon Card seemingly defeated the way, Haru now seeks the remaining two Rave Stones in order to open the way to the Memory.

ELIE

The girl in the mysterious tiara joined Haru on the quest which he promised to help her find out about her past. She's cute, spunky and loves pampering and shopping in equal measures. Locked inside of her is the power of **Silvarga**.

RUBY

A "vampire-type" swordsman. Ruby lives and eat almost nothing. After Haru saves him from Pumpkin Vampire gang, Ruby agrees to operate Haru's team in their search for the ultimate rare treasure, the Rave Stones!

GRIFFON KATO (GRIFF)

Griff is a ninja friend, even if he is a bit of a coward. His history with [illegible] and [illegible] dates to [illegible]. Griff's bag-grabbed gadgetry is the envy of [illegible] and [illegible] on Elie.

MUSICA

A "**Silvarga-type**" girl, she [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] punk who needs [illegible]. He joined Haru for the adventure, but now that Demon Card is defeated, does he [illegible] stick around?

LET

A member of the Dragon race. He was formerly a member of the Demon Gang's Five Fiends. He was [illegible] by Haru's fighting skills and [illegible] of heart that he made a truce with the Rave Master.

PLUE

The **Rave Keeper**, Plue is the faithful companion to the Rave Master in addition to being Haru's pupil. Plue also has powers of his own. When he's not getting Haru into or out of trouble, Plue can be found enjoying a nutritious, if bizarre, treat.

THE DRAGON SIX

Demon Card's six generals. Haru defeated Shuda after finding the Rave of Wisdom. The other five generals were defeated after they destroyed Demon Card's mental powers.

THE STORY SO FAR...

Haru and his friends are attacked by a group known as "**Underground**," as well as the **Demon Gemini's** gang. They manage to escape with assistance from Shuda, who arrives at the last moment. Unfortunately, Haru is [illegible] by a nasty virus, however, Shuda arrives in time to save the day. Shuda and Deep Sleep, in order [illegible] **Mugda** master to burn the man who [illegible] in the **Greatest Sin** [illegible] with [illegible] Deep Sleep wants Shuda dead to secure his [illegible] Haru's group [illegible] Shuda's life ... and Pirate [illegible] of the world's [illegible] powerful foe.

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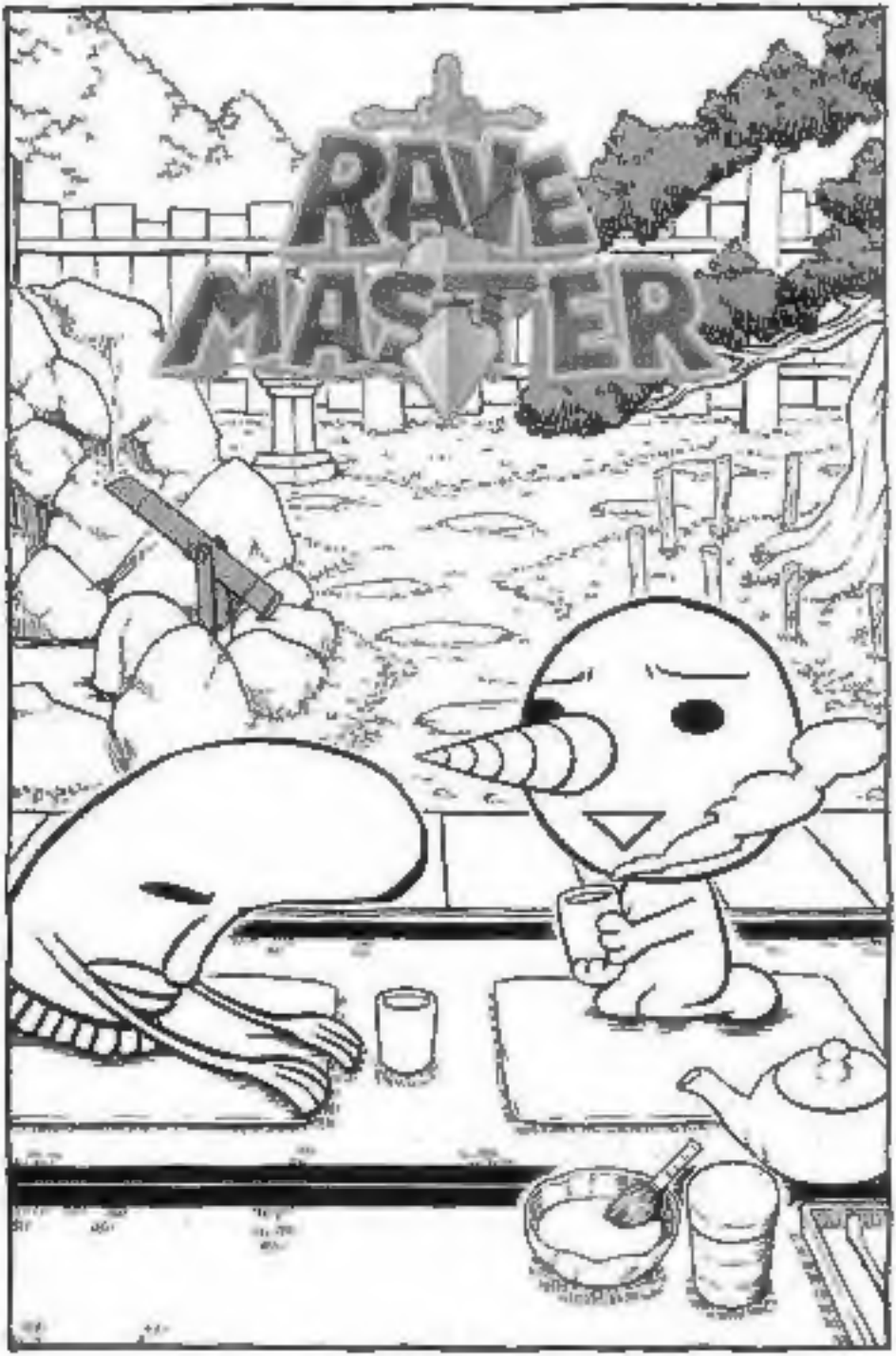


RAVE:156 FIRE AND WATER

I GUESS IT'S GONNA RAIN.
POOMF
AAAAHH!!
THUNDER!!
WHOA! ER ELIE, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE-
SERIOUSLY, ELIE. YIKES.
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I'M SORRY!!
SIGH

HEY!!
'TIS A JEALOUSY BEAM.
NOTHING PERSONAL... JUST... LEGGO
SOMETHING'S BURNIN' INTO MY BACK.
YOUR HAND! HER BUTT! COUNTS!!
NOT IF I DIDN'T MEAN TO! THAT'S AN ACT OF GOD!
THAT STILL COUNTS AS FEELIN' HER UP!?
DID I? I DIDN'T MEAN TO. AND I JUST KINDA... GRAZED IT.
IT'S NOT THAT! DIDN'T YOU JUST SEE MUSICA TOTALLY [illegible] ELIE'S BUTT?!
IT'S REALLY POURING, POYO!
Don't even joke!
HEY, IF YOU'VE GOT BUTT-RUBBING ENVY SO BAD, YOU'VE GOT THE MOTHER OF ALL ASSES RIGHT THERE.

HE CAN'T USE FIRE IN THIS!
SHUDA'S POWER IS FLAME. REMEMBER?
SURE IS! SO WE DON'T HAVE TO TIME TO ARGUE!
TELL ME YOU'RE NOT HEADING BACK.
DO YOU REALLY THINK HE NEEDS YOU?!
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM!

HH HH HH HH
NO...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHUDA'S REALLY STRONG!
HH PPPP
WHO IS HE, POYO?
ASK ME LATER...
WE'RE LAGGIN' HERE...SO WE'D PROBABLY JUST SLOW HIM DOWN.

REGRET-
TABLY...
...THIS RAIN
HAS DOUSED
ALL SIGN
OF YOUR
FLAMES.
IF YOU THINK
A LITTLE RAIN
CAN SNUFF MY
FIRE...YOU'RE IN
FOR A PAINFUL
SURPRISE.

DIE

WHAT? DID I MISS?
NO...
MY AQUATIC CONTROL QUENCHES YOUR FLAME!
DO NOT SCORN MY WAVE
WATER IS BUT ONE EXAMPLE.
NOT QUITE
YOU USED THE RAIN AS A SHIELD?
SO YOUR POWER IS WATER?

MY POWER IS "FLOW." WITH THE FLOW SIX STAR ZERO STREAM
ALL THAT FLOWS IS MY ALLY
AND THE BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS
WIND
SUCH AS WATER

GAAAAH!!

YOU ARE MOST CERTAINLY NOT WORTHY OF IT
THIS DB CAN EXPLOIT ANYTHING THAT MOVES.
WITH GREAT CONCENTRATION
SO LOSE YOUR CONCENTRATION AND YOU'RE THROUGH RIGHT?

WHAT?
EXPLOSIONS!
SO YOU INTEND TO BLIND ME...
UN-LESS

YOU WEAN TO FELL THE TREES!
WHO!
GOTCHA

!!
!!!
!!!
!

GAAAAAAH!!

MUST ADMIT
FOUND OUR
BATT E OL TE
ENJOYABLE

SO I COULDN'T FIGHT IN COMPLETE SERIOUSNESS
BUT YOU FAILED TO MEET THE STANDARDS OF THE ORACION SIX
THIS IS PROOF...
...THAT I AM WORTHY OF MY TITLE.
NOW THEN
WHERE DID THAT RARE MASTER RUN...

SHOVED IT
THROAT
YOUR
PRECIOUS
THERE.
DARK BRING

MY ELDER KING... PLEASE FORGIVE ME
I NOW RELEASE MY FORBIDDEN POWER— THE TYPE 56 DARK BRING!

RAVE:157 THE FORBIDDEN POWER

TYPE 5E DARK BRING?
NEVER HEARD OF T
S THAT THE TYPE 5E

FORBADE ME
TO KING
THIS DAY
WHY DO
YOU THINK
KING SENT

KING WAS AFRAID OF MY POWER.

CAN FREELY USE THE POWER THAT SLEEPS WITHIN NORMAL HUMANS.
THIS DB DRAINS FORTH THE LATENT ABILITY OF AN INDIVIDUAL.
HMPOSS...
H-I DIDN'T SEE HIM MOVE!
AN AWESOME POWER IS HIDDEN WITHIN US ALL.
YOU CANNOT FATHOM IT
LATENT WHAT?!
THAT HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF THIS
ASSUME YOU NEVER SUSPECTED.
FORGIVE ME KING-BUT I MUST USE THIS FOR DEMON CARD
BUT I AM CAPABLE!

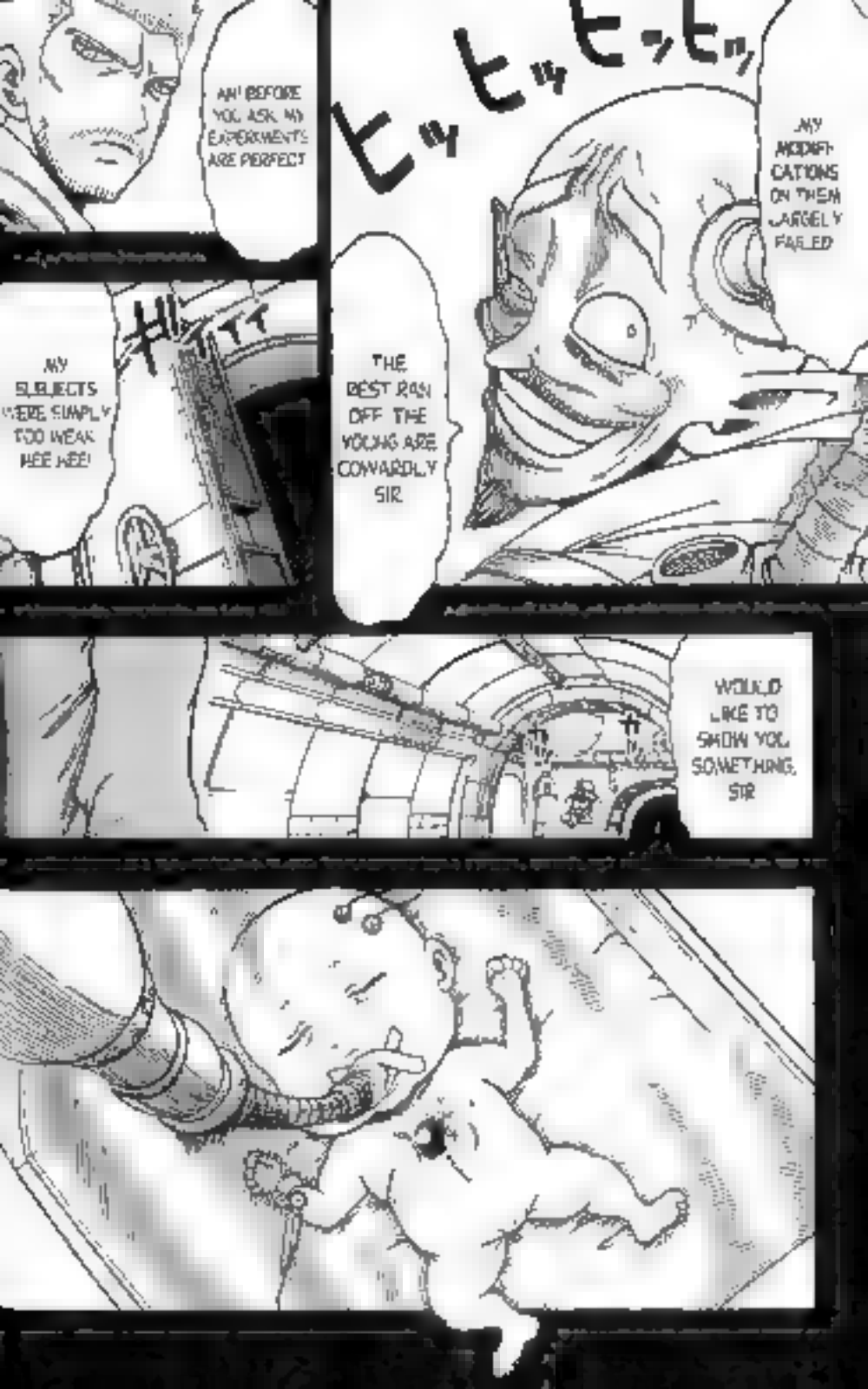
KING—ACE 35

Amelia and Lucia, King's wife and son, supposedly died in the siege. King was unaware of Lucia's survival.

The year was 0058. Many Loose was raided by Imperial forces and Demon Card HQ was destroyed.

King traveled north alone... to restore Demon Card.

IN THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS?!
A DEMON CARD BASE?!
I AM KNOWN AS IGOR. I RESEARCH NEW WEAPONS AND DARK BRINGS IN THIS BASE HEE HEE
DC Hardcore Base Researcher
Dr. Igor Kilkila
HEE HEE! SO WE MEET AT LAST SIR I HEARD ABOUT HQ. VERY UNFORTUNATE. VERY UNFORTUNATE
THERE ARE USUALLY A FEW SOLDIERS AS WELL BUT
HEE HEE! DEL SIR!
THIS IS A LARGE BASE YOU USE IT ALONE?


AH! BEFORE YOU ASK, MY EXPERIMENTS ARE PERFECT
ヒッヒッヒッヒッ
MY MODIFICATIONS ON THEM LARGELY FAILED
MY SUBJECTS WERE SIMPLY TOO WEAK HEE HEE!
THE BEST RAN OFF THE YOUNG ARE COWARDLY SIR
WOULD LIKE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING, SIR

FUSED IT WITH A PERFECT HUMAN BABY
CALL IT THE TYPE 56 DB. JUST FINISHED THIS YEAR.
WHAT IS THAT?
...IT IS A LIVING WEAPON, ABLE TO EMPLOY THE LATENT ABILITY NORMAL HUMANS CANNOT TAP INTO!
THE CREATURE LIVES IN SPITE OF DB POISONING, ABSORBING 70,000 CELLS OF DB GAMMA, WHICH BREAK DOWN TO FOUR ENERGY CELLS PER SECOND
AND NOW.
LUCIA
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
HM? HE HAS NONE. NAME HIM IF YOU'D LIKE, SIR

WE'LL CALL HIM DEEP SNOW
Two years later...
BRRRAH
HE'S GROWING QUICKLY
HE'S TWICE AS BIG AS THE NORMAL TO BE PRECISE

HE'S THE SAME AGE AS LUCIA WAS.
K-I-I-I-N-G!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
K-I-I-I-N-G!!
!!
IMPOSSIBLE!
AN EARTHQUAKE?!
WHAT IS THAT?!

A WOLF ATTACKED ME, AN' !
T'WAS A W-WOLF!

MAGNIFICENT SUCH POWER AND FROM A CHILD. YES!
AS THE BOY GROWS THE TYPE SLOTH WILL GROW STRONGER STILL!

HE WAS AFRAID OF ME.
KING'S FACE AT THAT MOMENT IS FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MEMORY
...AND NOT NOW. THESE MANY YEARS ...ATER
NOT AFTER HE SENT ME TO THE EMPIRE.
BUT MY RESPECT FOR KING NEVER WAVERED!
THE FIRST AND LAST TIME WAS EMBRACED.
FE..T WARMTH.
Y-YOU. THINK KING S-SENT YOU. TO THE EMPIRE OUT OF F-FEAR.?
S-SO WHY ARE THE ..OYA..TY IF HE T-THREW

I THOUGHT OF KING AS MY FATHER!!
I WIL... NEVER FORGIVE THAT
YOU BETRAYED KING!
THIS ISN'T ABOUT THE DRAGON SIX!
SO NOW THAT YOU UNDERSTAND MY POWER... SURRENDER.
FOR THE SAKE OF KING'S TRUE SON, LUCIA MUST NOT BE DEFEATED.

LIVE"

NOW THOSE WORDS HAVE BECOME MINE.
A BLADE FROM WITHIN A BLADE?!
BUT I HAVE MINE TO GALE. I CAN'T LOSE EITHER
YOU HAVE YOUR PROMISE TO KING.

HARU HAS GALE'S BLOOD...
...BUT I HAVE GALE'S SWORD.

RAVE MASTER

0063—KUBA DESERT

RAVE:158 ✠ A WARRIOR'S PLEDGE

THE DIVINE BLADE HEAVENLY BLOSSOM
WHAT MATTERS IS WHO I INHERITED IT FROM...

EVEN NOW, KING'S SOUL LIVES ON WITHIN ME.
NOR SHALL I LOSE
I WON'T LOSE WITH IT
GALE'S SOUL IS IN THIS BLADE.
HUH
HUH
HUH

LET ME FULFILL MY WARRIOR'S PLEDGE!!
YOU DON'T GIVE UP DO YOU?

MET YOUR SON.
I'M SURPRISED
DO YOU REALLY INTEND TO FIGHT ME WITH WOUNDS LIKE THAT SHUDA?
!!
WE FOUGHT AND LOST
HARL SLOAN COULD SEE THE FAMILY RESEMBLANCE
EVEN IN DEMON CARD SO FEW MEN ARE REMOTELY CLOSE TO YOUR LEVEL.
AND YOU LOST?
WHY WOULD HARL FIGHT YOU?
Y-YOU FOUGHT MY SON? MY HARU? BUT WHY WHY WOULD HE

THE RAVE MASTER R-RAVE CHOSE MY SON.
LET ME GUESS YOU CAN'T GO BECAUSE OF THE BOMB INSIDE YOU.
DO YOU WANT TO MEET HIM? HE SHOULD BE IN EXPERIMENT B'S NOW
THE ENCLAIM CEREMONY* IS COMING UP
M SUKE HARL AND KING ARE HEADED FOR LUKA

*Enclaim ceremony = ceremony for mass kill production

MY ENDLESS JOURNEY MAY END TODAY
I'M GOING TO DEFEAT KING!!
?
FIGURED AS NLC
HAVE NO LOVE FOR THEM.
BESIDES I WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU FOR A WHILE
ABOUT

WHAT SO I'M NOT INVOLVED NOW? GET OVER YOURSELF
NO I APPRECIATE IT BUT HAVE TO FIGHT KING ALONE
YOUR SWORD CUT THROUGH MY SOUL GALE GLORY"
NEED THIS TO WIPE OUT MY SHAME!
SAID NO.
!
YOU'VE CHANGED SHUDA
YOU'VE BECOME NOT ONLY A WARRIOR BUT A MAN
THE DIVINE BLADE MEANING BLOSSOMS AND MY WIFE'S NAME MEANS BLOSSOM
CAME ACROSS THIS AFTER WANDERING THE DESERT FOR TEN YEARS

IF YOU HONESTLY WANT TO FIGHT BESIDE ME
THEN TAKE THIS SWORD.
MAYBE OUR BATTLES PROCEED IN THE SAME DIRECTION
MASKING YOU SOON TO MASTER YOUR ANGLE
TO WHOM A WARRIOR ENTRUSTS HIS BLADE
HE ENTRUSTS ALL.

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FOR MYSELF!!
JUST PLEASE, PROTECT MY FAMILY!!

I SWORE TO ON THE TEARS OF A GREAT WARRIOR"
I WILL PROTECT THEM"
I AM PREPARED TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR DEMON CARD"
I AM A SON OF THE GREAT KING"

I SHALL BREAK YOU!
WITHIN THIS BLOW I CHANNEL ALL THE POWER OF MY DARK BRING!!
PERHAPS YOU DID NOT LOVE ME
BUT
FATHER
I'M FREE TO FEEL FOR YOU, AS WISH

NONE CAN BLOCK ME!! NONE CAN STOP ME!!
THIS IS THE LIMIT OF HUMAN ABILITY!!
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO SURPASS THAT LIMIT...

...WITH A
SINGLE
STRIKE
OF
GALES
SOUL!!

THE BLUE SKY OF VIC-TORY.

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner

Q. Do Elle's Tonfas have triggers somewhere?

(Tekeleke of Shimane Prefecture and MANY others)

A. **Uh...people have been asking that for ages, and I told them that I, er, DON'T KNOW EITHER! (^_^;) Sorry. Still, you can see them in the RAVE MASTER anime.**

See, here's a trigger!

When a finger pulls the trigger, multiple rounds fire.

Q. Tenchimo died on p. 57 of Vol. 4, didn't he? Like THIS

(Kitton Rock of Chiba Prefecture and others)

A. **Yup. He's died multiple times. Read a little more carefully and see for yourself!**

Q. On p. 28 of Vol. 10, is that the father of the Jiggle Butt Gang's Boss chasing after Shiba?

(Shinobu of Saitama Prefecture and others)

A. **So good of you to notice. He was imprisoned in the 50's for purse-snatching. Good thing he didn't end up in Symphonia's prison or he'd have died when Overdrive wrecked Symphonia.**

Q. If Griffis three years old, how does he know about Cookie, who was imprisoned for ten years?

(MD over CD of Okayama Prefecture and others)

A. **Er...someone could've told him. Or he read about Cookie in a book.**

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VIVA LA SKY!

MY LIFE HAS LOST ITS MEANING
PLEASE FORGIVE ME
ANY LAST WORDS?
BUT NOT SINCE I DID BE WITH HIM FOR ?
GANG ABANDONED ME
I KNOW I LOVE MORE THAN WAS LOVED IN RETURN
I HAVE VOWED ETERNAL LOYALTY TO HIM

MUM THAT REMINDS ME

I'D NEVER FEAR THE SEAS
DEEP SNOW
THEN LET US RECALL DEEP SNOW HE CAN STRENGTHEN OUR SOUTHERN FORCES
THE RESISTANCE BAH. THEY'RE MORE TROUBLE THAN THE IMPERIAL ARMY
THE EMPIRE IS NO LONGER A THREAT YET THE RESISTANCE NEARS!
BUT WHY? HE'S ACCUMULATED SUFFICIENT IMPERIAL DATA
NO
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
RECALL DEEP SNOW TO OUR ARMY I BEG YOU!
BUT-
ALREADY SAID SO FORE H'L

ENOUGH! KILL ME PLEASE
WAS HATED.
I S-SEE. EVEN MY MEMORY LEFT A FOUL TASTE IN HIS MOUTH.
THAT'S NOT THE END OF THE STORY
WANTED TO SPARE HIM THE PATH OF EVIL.
SENT DEEP SNOW AWAY FROM DEMON CARD FOR A REASON.
I WANT HIM TO LIVE HIS LIFE IN PEACE.
IF IT CAN BE DONE.

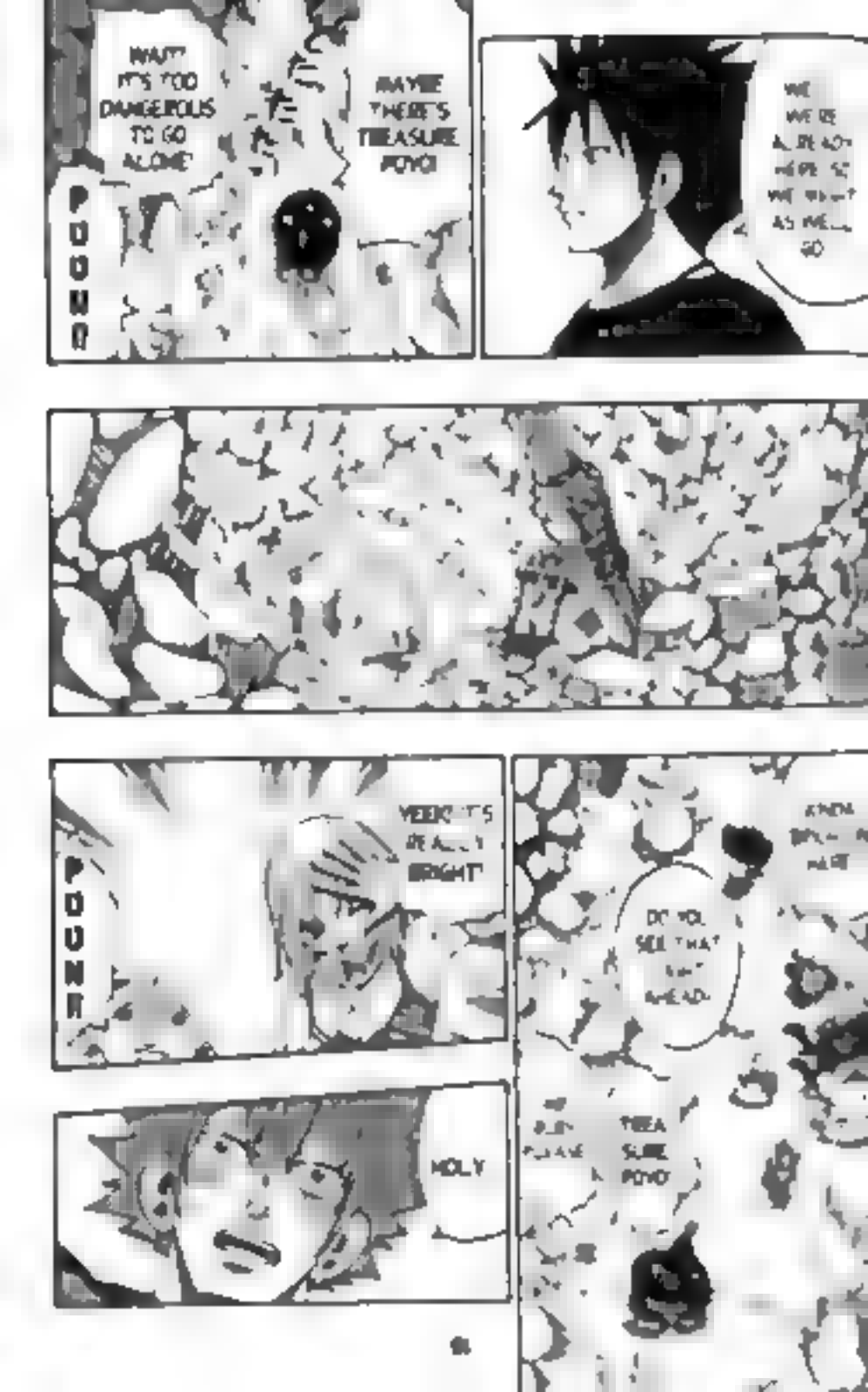
DEEP SNOW... IS MY SON.
MY OTHER SON.

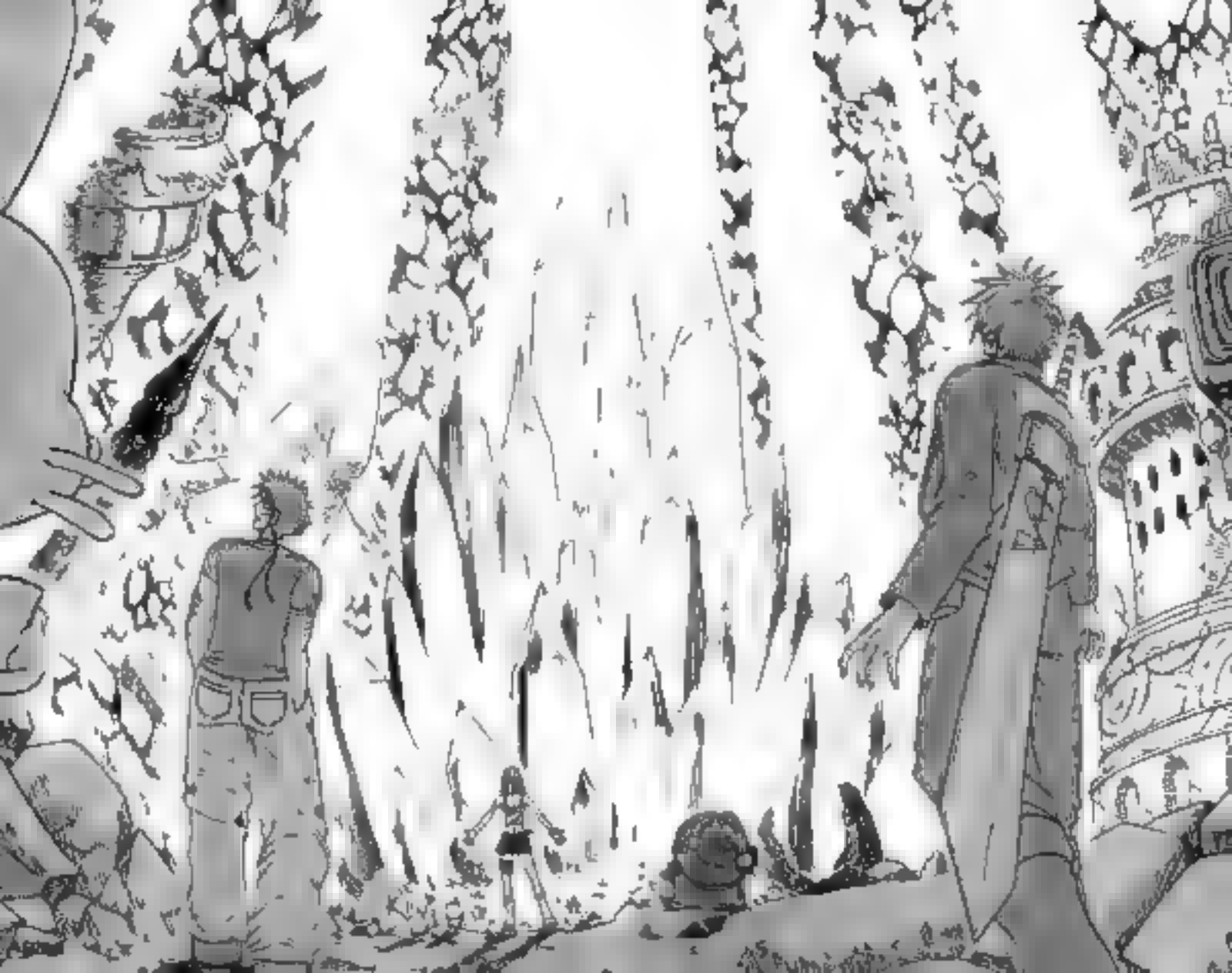
FATHER!!

FATHER!!
I...
I...
Aha!
Aha!
FATHER LOVED ME!!

HELLO, MR. SUN!
PUUN
WHEEE!!
THREE CHEERS FOR BILLIE SKIES!
CAN YOU DO THAT SIR?
THANKS, GRIFF! POYO!

HEY, LOOK OVER THERE!
THAT'S THE CAVE SHLOA WAS TA KING ABOUT
THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE CAVE AHEAD.
GO ON AND YOU WILL SEE.
DAD.


WAIT! IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO GO ALONE!
MAYBE THERE'S TREASURE POYO!
WE WE'RE ALREADY HERE SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GO
YEEK! IT'S REALLY BRIGHT!
DO YOU SEE THAT TREASURE POYO!
HOLY



PRETTY!!
CHECK IT OUT!!
POUND
DON'T EAT THAT!
WHAT IS ALL THIS?
THE STAR VESTIGE CAVE.
!
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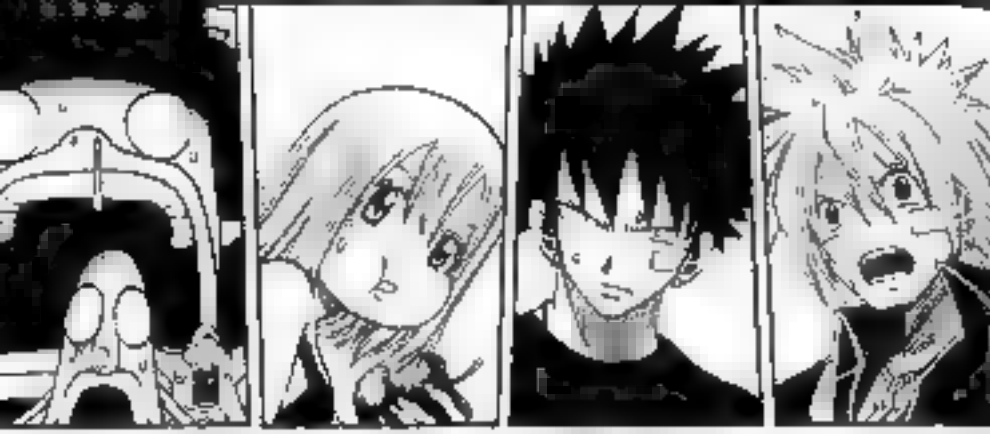
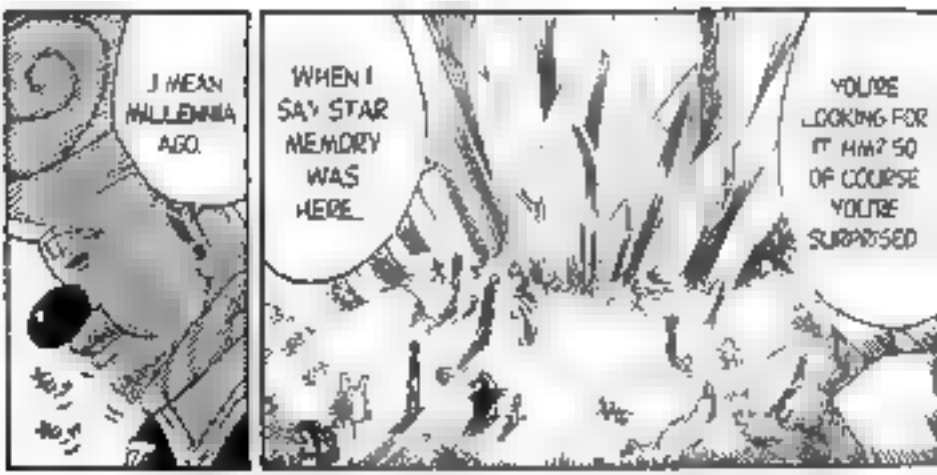
もしゃ
もしゃ
もしゃ
MUNCH

もしゃ
もしゃ
もしゃ
もしゃ
INTEREST YOU IN AN APPLE?
WAGGLE
HEY! YOU WANT ONE, ROUNDY?
POUN!!
もしゃ
もしゃ
POPUGNA
I WANT ONE, TOO!
DON'T EVEN.
YOU'RE GALE'S SPROUT AIN'T YA? YOU LOOK JUST LIKE HIM.
HO HO! I'M EVERMARY SON. I'VE LIVED IN THESE PARTS 70 YEARS NOW
UH. WHERE YOU

SEE THIS LIGHT?
LOOK HERE...
BUT HUH?
STAR MEMORY WAS HERE A LONG TIME AGO




I MEAN MILLENNIA AGO.
WHEN I SAY STAR MEMORY WAS HERE.
YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IT HM? SO OF COURSE YOU'RE SURPRISED

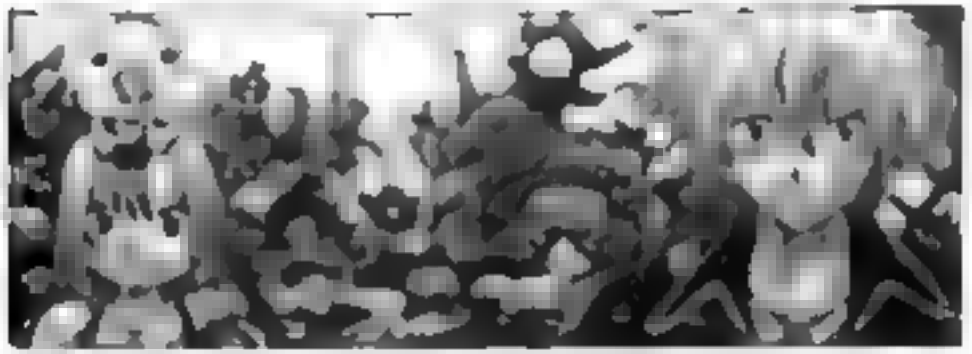
RAVE MASTER HARL. THAT "SHUDA" FELLA TOLD ME THE GIST OF IT
STAR MEMORY'S MOVED SOMEPLACE ELSE IT MAY STILL BE MOVING.
NO ONE REALLY KNOWS.
STILL, THE LEGENDS THAT PLACE IT HERE AIN'T WRONG.

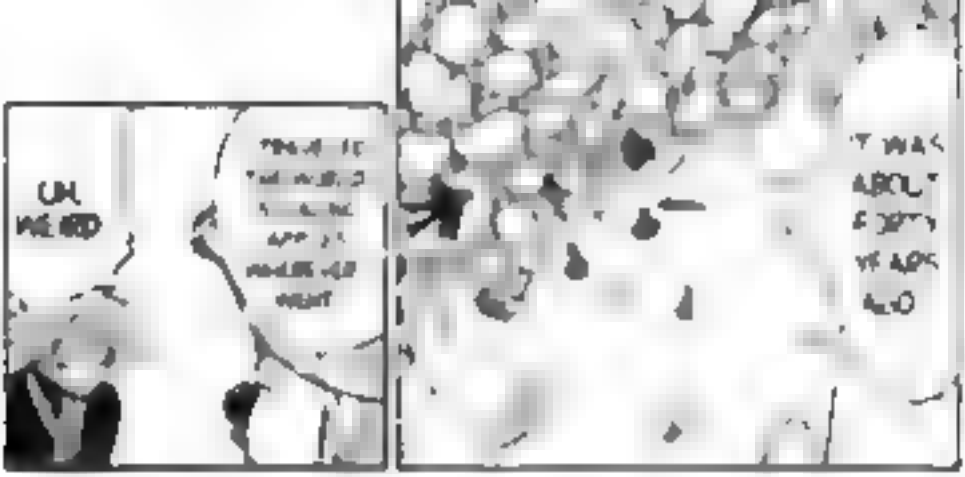
USE THE STAR VESTIGE TO SEE THE WORLD
IT'S GOOD YOU'VE COME.
GALE DIDN'T MENTION ME?
DID. DID YOU KNOW MY DAD?
MUNCH
AND LEARN WHAT STAR MEMORY'S REALLY ALL ABOUT
I'LL REMEMBER IT FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
WHA?! SO YOU'RE, LIKE MY GRANDPA?!
RAISED HIM.
Apple?
THAT DAY, WITH THE STAR VESTIGE'S PICTURE OF THE WORLD AND THE STUFF EVERHARD SAID.

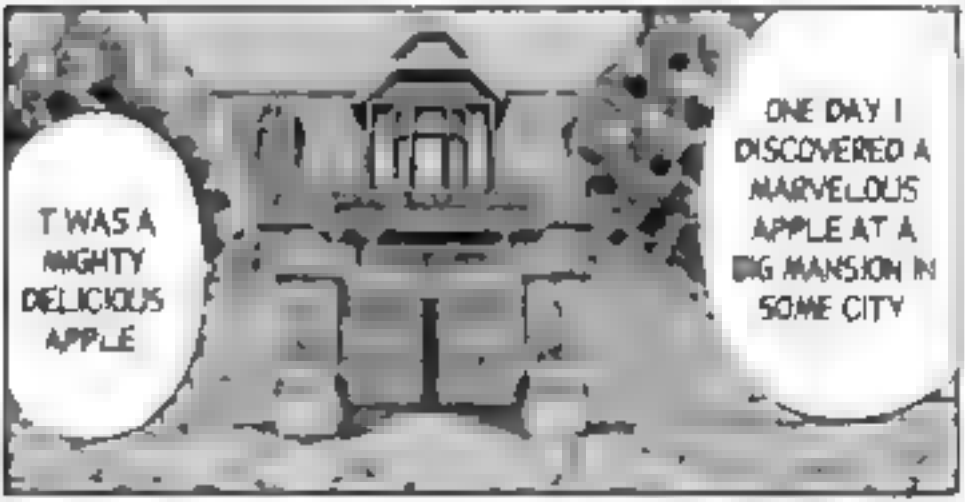
RAVE
MASTER

THE
CAVERN
OF STAR
VESTIGE
STAR VESTIGE

EVERMARY




OH, WEIRD

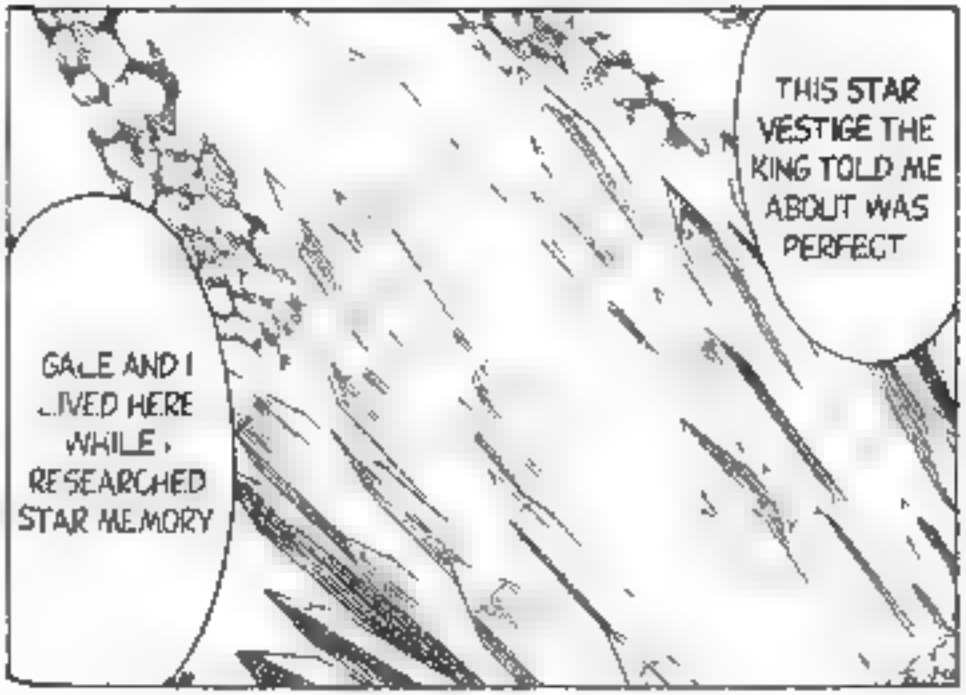

T WAS A MIGHTY DELICIOUS APPLE
ONE DAY I DISCOVERED A MARVELOUS APPLE AT A BIG MANSION IN SOME CITY

KIDNAPPER!!
クリもぉ!!
MUHAH
...THAT I TOOK THE KID AND RAN.
EASY WHIPPER SNAPPER IT GETS BETTER FROM HERE
YOU JERK!! YOU'RE A BAD, BAD MAN!!
HERE. HAVE AN APPLE TO CALM YOUR NERVES.
NOW NOW. LET ME FINISH.
I WAS PURSUED BY THE SYMPHONIA KINGDOM.
AS YOU KNOW, THE KING HAD SURVIVED OVERDRIVE AND LIVED IN THAT VERY CITY
WAS NO ATHLETE, SO THEY EVENTUALLY CAUGHT ME
SO I RESIGNED MYSELF TO MY FATE

I MARRIED TWICE
BUT MY WIVES DIED...SO I'M CHILDLESS.
BUT THEN THE KING SURPRISED ME
THE CHILD IS CUTE, YES?
HUH?!
ER...YES, SIR.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EARS.
HUM?!
THIS CHILD IS GALE. RAISE HIM AS IF HE WERE YOUR OWN.
SEE...MY CONDOLENCES.
THE KING'S WIFE HAD DIED JUST AFTER CHILDBIRTH, Y'SEE. THE KINGDOM WAS IN TROUBLE.
THE MAN WAS AFRAID HE'D DIE AND LEAVE HIS SON WITH NO CARETAKER.
.....?
MUNCH

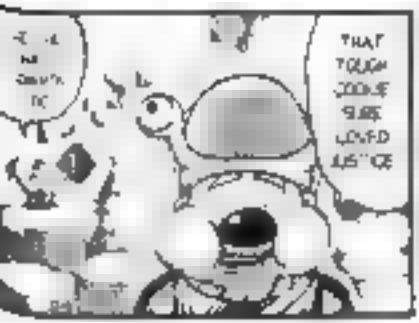
THE KING AND I WENT OVER ALL SORTS OF OPTIONS.
HE DIDN'T THINK HIDING GALE'S ROYAL BLOOD AND PUTTING HIM UP FOR ADOPTION WOULD WORK

I KEPT RIGHT ON NURTURING LITTLE GALE
Like an apple seed. See?
THE KING PASSED AWAY A YEAR LATER AS FOR ME...
THAT'S WHEN I FIRST LEARNED ABOUT STAR MEMORY


THIS STAR VESTIGE THE KING TOLD ME ABOUT WAS PERFECT
GALE AND I LIVED HERE WHILE I RESEARCHED STAR MEMORY

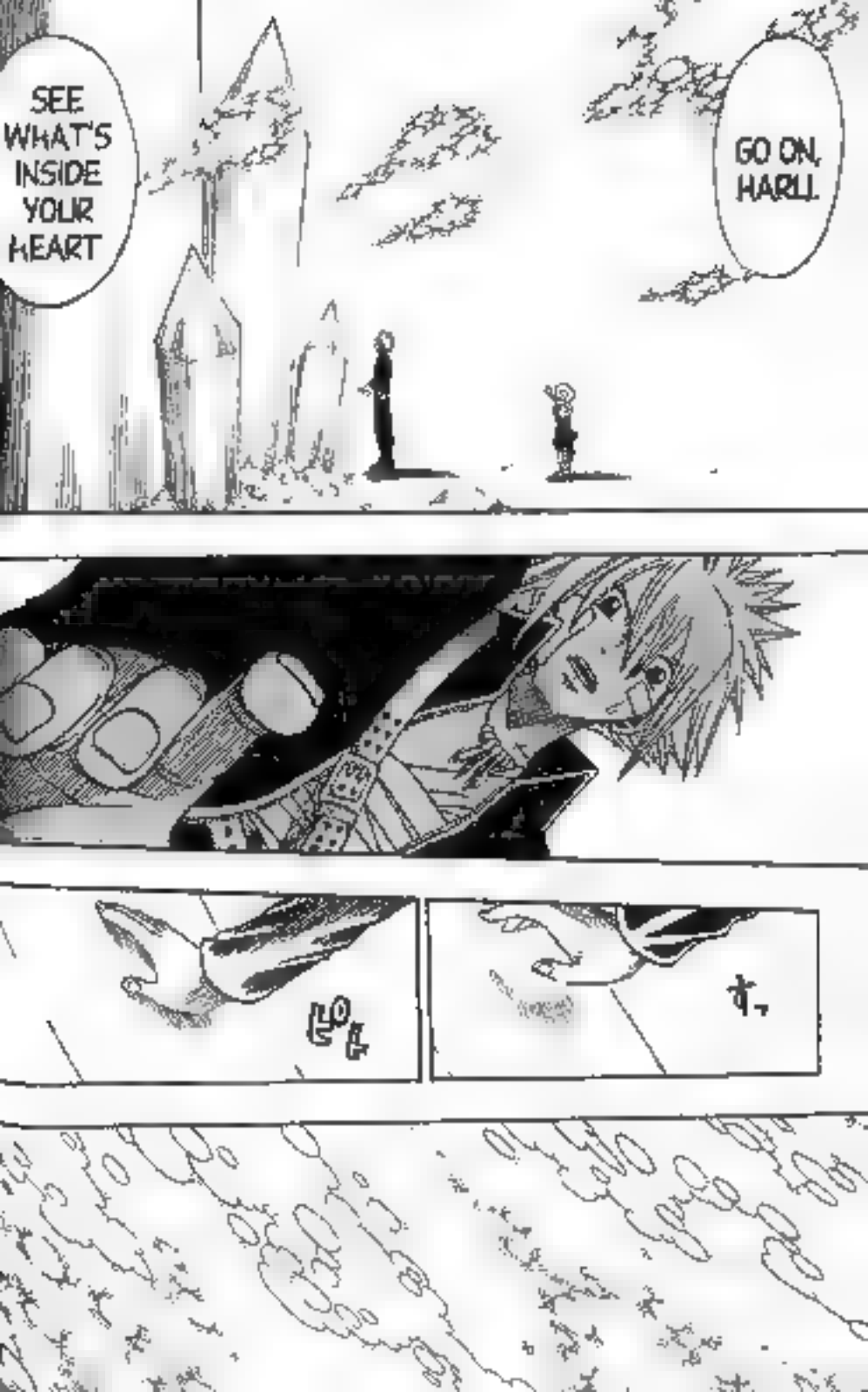
WATCH
TOUCH
!
THIS HERE STAR VESTIGE CAN TURN MEMORIES INTO PICTURES IF YOU TOUCH IT

THAT'S GALE AT FIFTEEN.


THAT TOUGH COOKIE SURE LOVED JUSTICE

HE LOOKS LIKE HARU POYO!

THOUGH HE STILL CAME TO PLAY FROM TIME TO TIME
HE BECAME AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER TO PROTECT THE WORLD..
WHEN HE CAME WITH HIS WIFE AND KIDS.
BUT THAT BOY WAS MOST HAPPY
IT WOULD APPEAR SO...BUT HOW MUCH CAN HE REMEMBER IF HE WAS IN DIAPERS?
SO YOU HAVE BEEN HERE HARL.
MM. FOLKS CAN'T REMEMBER EVERYTHING.


SEE WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR HEART
GO ON, HARU.

A BABE AS SUSPECTED
SIS
EH WHAT IS THAT?

YOU'VE MET QUITE A FEW PEOPLE, THERE.
SOME GONE...

AND SOME GROWN
IT'S ALL BECOME ME MORE NOW

WHO'S NEXT YOU ALL GET A TURN

I'LL HOLD OFF JUST GIMME A SEC?
E..E!
E..E
!!!
WHAT THE HELL?

W-
WHAT
IS
THAT?!
THAT'S A PICTURE OF NOW FROM MEMORIES THE WORLD OVER
...IS ALL COMING TOGETHER
A LITTLE FROM EVERY ONE
THE MEMORIES ARE SWIRLING
LOOK.
THE STAR VESTIGE CAN TURN INDIVIDUAL MEMORIES INTO A COLLECTIVE ONE.

THEY'RE OUT TO CONQUER THE WORLD!!!
DEMON CARD...
...IS MOVING.

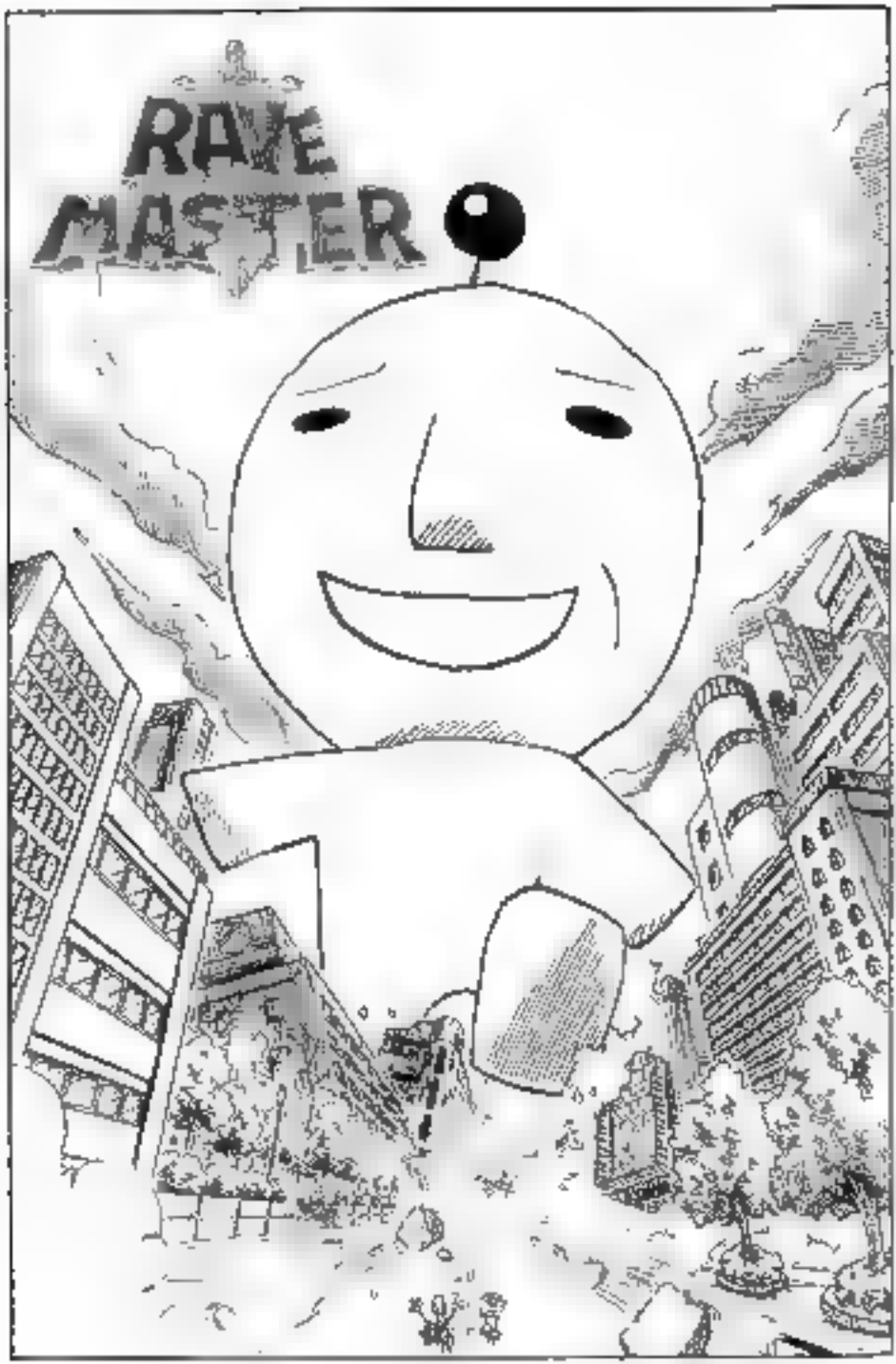
RESISTANCE ARMIES WILL SLOW DEMON CARD DOWN SURE BUT IT WON'T BE ENOUGH
WITH THE IMPERIAL CAPITOL DESTROYED, THE REST OF THE WORLD'S FALLING TO PIECES

THE AGE OF DARKNESS IS ON ITS WAY.

NOOO!!

OH THE HORROR DEMON CARD PROMISED A WORLD WITHOUT WAR
THEN A HERO WAS AIDING IN THIS SLAUGHTER.
AAAAAAAH!!
WHAT DO I HAVE LEFT TO BELIEVE IN?
WHAT SHOULD BE FIGHTING FOR OH WIDE
I HAVE FAITH IN MYSELF
AND KNOW CONQUEST WON'T BRING PEACE
THERE'S NO FIGHTING WITHOUT BELIEF
YOU'RE SELF

SOMETHING ELSE HAS TO UNITE THE WORLD"
THAT'S WHAT WE NEED STAR MEMORY TO TELL US"
THEN LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT STAR MEMORY
YOUR DETER
S CLEAR BOY



RAVE:161 LIFE OF A STAR

YIKES TAKE IT EASY POPS
SCRUMPTIOUS!!
TODAY IS THE DAY I'VE BEEN GIVEN A TRUE MISSION!
THIS FEAST IS ONE OF ENLIGHT ENMENT!
IS T NOT SO MAS'ER

PLUE WHAT'D SAY ABOUT BREATHIN BETWEEN BITES?
PUCHI
HARU?
MAYBE HE'S NOT HUNGRY
HARU? WHAT'S WRONG, POYO?
THAT PICTURE OF THE WORLD
IT'S STUCK IN MY HEAD
M-MISS ELIE PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING
EAT THIS! YOU'LL FEEL BETTER!
THEY THOUGHT THEY'D ACHIEVED SOMETHING.
THEY WERE PROUD.
AND THE KILLERS WERE LAUGHING
PEOPLE WERE JUST KILLING EACH OTHER
OLD PEOPLE AND KIDS.
IF IT'LL WORK
SO I WAS THINKING.

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT TAKES!!! EVEN IF I CAN ONLY SAVE A FEW PEOPLE!!!
I WANNA STOP THE WAR NOW!!!
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO NOW IS TAKE A MINUTE TO RECUPERATE. THAT'S IMPORTANT ENOUGH. BELIEVE YOU ME
DON'T YOU WORRY. THERE

HE'S RIGHT, HARU! IF WE CAN SMILE, THEN PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD CAN SMILE, TOO!
THIS IS SO EXCITING, POYO!
ALL RIGHT THEN, ABOUT STAR MEMORY
SORRY FOR BEIN A DRAG
GUESS
IT MAY BE THIS STAR'S VERY ENERGY
YSEE ...
AS THE NAME IMPLIES, T REMEMBERS THE INFORMATION OF EVERYTHING BORN FROM THIS STAR
IS WHERE YOU CAN FIND THE ANSWERS TO ALL QUESTIONS
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD THAT STAR MEMORY.
THAT'S NEITHER RIGHT NOR WRONG.

THE STAR'S LIFE IS AN ACCUMULATION OF MANY TIMES AND SPACES GATHERED TOGETHER
...IT'S A WORLD THAT TRANSCENDS SPACE AND TIME.

AT STAR MEMORY YOU CAN GAIN EVERYTHING.
?
CATCH MY DRIFT?
IT'S WHERE YOU CAN MANIPULATE TIME AND SPACE.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, POYO?
ゴォーー!
ゴォーー!
ゴォーー!
HAHHH...
TIME? SPACE?
ゴォーー!
BUT I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE PASTS OF INDIVIDUALS--I'M TALKING ABOUT HISTORY. THE STAR'S POWER IS GREAT ENOUGH TO CHANGE THE PAST FOR EVERYBODY.
EVERYONE'S HAD A CASE OF THE "WHAT IFS" AT SOME POINT OR ANOTHER. WHO DOESN'T WISH THAT THE PAST COULD BE CHANGED?

WAIT A SEC. DOES THAT MEAN IF WE FIND IT, TIME'S GONNA GO BONKERS?
AND DIDN'T SIEG SAY HE HAD "A DUTY TO PROTECT TIME," POYO?!
WELL... THAT'D EXPLAIN WHY DC WANTS STAR MEMORY SO BAD.
THAT'S... THAT'S CRAZY.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE.
IT DEPENDS ON THE CHOICES MADE BY THOSE WHO GO THERE.
THIS WORLD— NO. THIS STAR— WOULD BE DESTROYED.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T LET DC FIND IT
STAR MEMORY!!
THE HOLY GROUND WHERE SPACE-TIME'S CONTROLLED...

I'LL TELL YOU MORE TOMORROW
YOU KIDS SHOULD GET SOME REST NOW

!
ELIE ?
UM..
HARU!
WHATCHA DOIN' HERE AT THIS HOUR?
I'M... BEING WEIRD
HUH?
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR MY MEMORIES FOR SO LONG...
BUT NOW I'M AFRAID TO KNOW.

HA HA! I FINALLY SAID IT OUT LOUD!
ELIE...
SIGH...
HUH?
CHECK OUT THE CEILING!
WOW IT IS! LOOKIT ALL THE STARS!
DIDN'T NOTICE DURING THE DAY BUT IT'S OPEN

I THINK BEING SCARED'S OKAY.
ER... GUESS I'M DOING A BAD JOB SAYING THIS.

ｹｹ
BEPH!
JUST
JM
THAT'S OKAY! I GET IT
WEIRD CAN USUALLY SAY STUFF A BIT STRAIGHTER
I...
HUH?
NOT THAT!
IT'S JUST THAT

!!
IT'S THE LOVE VARIETY
WANT AN APPLE?
もしも
もしも
SORRY SONNY BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I WANTED TO ASK WHILE I COULD
MAN, DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT!
HE BECAME AN IMPERIAL SOLDIER TO FIND THAT "ELIE" GIRL
DAD WAS LOOKING FOR HER?
WHAT?
GALE WAS LOOKING FOR A GIRL WITH AMNESIA NAMED "ELIE" THAT YOU?

AM I THIRTY?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
NOT THAT
BUT SUPPOSE THAT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE HE LEFT THIRTY YEARS AGO YOU'RE NOT THIRTY ARE YA?
HE WAS PROBABLY LOOKING FOR SOME OTHER ELIE
THE STAR VESTIGE COULD'VE SHOWN HIM THE FUTURE I DOUBT THAT THOUGH
THE WAY I SEE IT
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE DON'T GET
MAYBE I'M JUST SPECULATING
ANOTHER ELIE BESIDES ME?

THAT HE HAD TO MAKE SURE SHE WAS SAFE..
HE SAID SOME-THING ODD ABOUT HER.
..OR SHE'D DO SOMETHING TO HERSELF
"YES..TAKE GOOD CARE OF GALE FOR ME"
WELL, I'M LOST
すう—
ELIE
I KNEW THIS TIME WOULD COME.
I...

I HAVE TO KNOW
I HAVE TO KNOW
WHO I AM.
!!!
HAAH!!
HAAH!!

FOOL.
DON'T CRAM TRASH NTO MY WOMAN'S HEAD

LUCIA!
H-HOW'D HE GET HERE-
RIGHT... RAVE MASTER?
USING ETHERION IS ALL SHE NEEDS TO KNOW

Q&A CORNER!!

A.K.A. Question Corner #2

Q. Please tell us about the commonalities between the characters' names in RAVE MASTER

(Neman Menan - Kyoto Prefecture)

A. Sure! Let me explain how I came up with the names for the Garage Island people, for example. The names are all related except for Gale's. And I settled on flower names for all the ladies.

Haru means "spring," the season flowers come into bloom—that's in tune with the flower theme.

Shiba means "grass," and Shige (Haru's pal from Vol. 1) means "overgrown," like with bushes. Gemma is close to "bud" in Latin, and Boton (Gemma's dad) means the same thing in Spanish. Calleya, Sakura, and Yuri (Gemma's mom) are all flower names.

Why is Gale's name different? Well, he wasn't actually living ON Garage Island to begin with.

Q. Jm...is Lazenby gonna join up? I don't think he's really needed.

(Fat Cat - Fukuoka Prefecture)

A. Hm. I'm not sure myself.

Q. Hiro-kun, you play the guitar, right? You any good? If you are, come on down and join my band!

(YUTA - Shizuoka Prefecture)

A. I used to be okay, but I'm a disaster now. I've been spending all my time making manga, so no playing, no practicing...my skills suck. (^_^;) Well, it's a good thing I practiced writing more than guitar. I wasn't that good at it, anyway.

LUCIA
RAVE MASTER

H-HOW'D HE GET HERE?!
DORYL HAD A SOUL AXE DIDN'T HE?
SO YOU DEFEATED DORYL NOT BAD
HEH HEH
!

WAIT
E..E
AAH

WALKING BACK DOWN THE ROAD YOU ARRIVED FROM ACHIEVES NOTHING.
THIS IS AN ILLUSION.
M-MY STAR VESTIGE
G-GALE'S MEMORIES
HOW COULD YOU JUST ?
HOW ..
DESTROY THEM? P-PLEASE THE PAST IS ALREADY DESTROYED.
YOU GOTTA DESTROY THEM, TOO?! WHAT?! THE WORLD'S NOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?!
MEMORIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF A PERSON, LUCIA!!

THE FUTURE IS EVERYTHING. THE PAST IS BUT A VOID TO LEAP OVER
D-DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ME?
DON'T YOU AGREE ELIE?
COME WITH ME
YOU DON'T NEED A PAST
THERE IS NOTHING TO FEAR. NOTHING TO SHOCK YOU
ALL YOU NEED KNOW IS THAT YOU POSSESS ETHERION
DOES IT MATTER? YOUR PAST IS MEANINGLESS

NEVER TOUCH ELIE AGAIN!!
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH HER!!
EVEN IF THEY'RE HARD TO TAKE WE'RE HERE FOR HER!
WHETHER HER MEMORIES ARE HAPPY OR SAD
SHE DOESN'T NEED A PAST
BLOOM

MYSELF? I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT ELIE!
I'LL ACCEPT HER PAST, NO MATTER WHAT IT IS!!
HARU ...

I'M STEALING HER FROM YOU PIECE BY PIECE
Heh heh heh
THEN REMEMBER THAT KISS.
THE PAST IS PRECIOUS.
MEMORIES ARE PRECIOUS.
AT THIS RATE YOU'LL BE SIXTY AND STILL BE MERELY HOLDING HANDS!
HA HA HA HA HA "

MUSICA.
TAKE IT
I was
MAN. IF I HADN'T COME TO SEE WHAT THE RUCKUS WAS.
!!!
MUSICA... LISTEN.
I'M TAKING H.M ONE-ON-ONE.
WHAT? DON'T BE STUPID!
THAT PSYCHO RUNS DC!! HE'S NO PUSHOVER!!
I'LL BE FINE

YOU SURPRISE ME
WELL WELL
MIGHT AS WELL TRY
RIGHT?
AT MOST YOUR POWER IS AT THE LEVEL OF THE DRAGON SIX. DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT ME?
SHUDA
HUH?!

He noticed me.
HNH.
IT'S QUITE THE FIGHT
DESCENDANTS OF SYMPHONIA AND RARE GROOVE
THE SON OF GALE AND THE SON OF KING.
I HEREBY BEAR WITNESS TO THIS CONTEST
FINE.
!
ELIE YOU JUST WATCH OKAY.
MY POWER WILL SLAUGHTER YOU ALL.
FOOLS. THE LOT OF YOU.

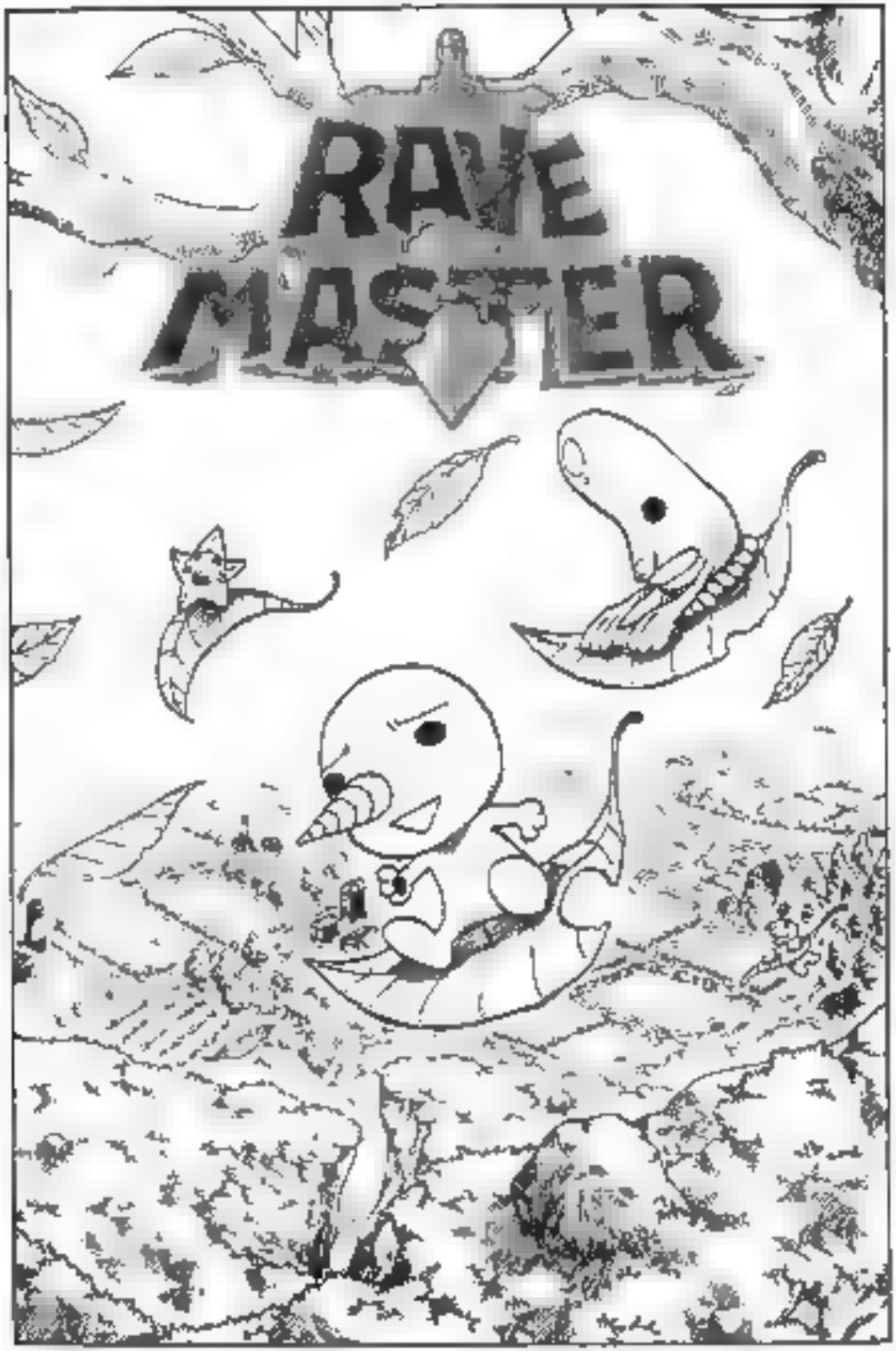
I'M STRONGER THAN HE IS.
SILENCE

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO KILL YOU.

LEAVE THIS WORLD !!!
EXPLOSION!!!
BLUE CRIM-SON!!!

SI-FRARION!!
GRAVITY CORE!!!
.....!!!
MILLION SUNS!!
MEL FORCE!!

HMM. THAT WASN'T TOO PATHETIC
WHAT'S THE MATTER LUCIA? THAT ALL YOU GOT?
I DIDN'T EVEN BREAK A SWEAT



RAVE: 163 ⊕ SOULS, DETERMINED UNTO DEATH

IMPOS-
SIBLE!!
YOU
HURT
ME?!
KING
COULDA
SCHOOLED
YOU.
A
WEAKLING
LIKE YOU
RUNS
DEMON
CARD?
NO
THAT
WAS
PRETTY
SLICK

YOU LITTLE JERK ...
I SHALL OBLIGE THAT DEATH WISH OF YOURS!!
W-WHY IS HIS SWORD PINK?
UH.
I
EX-PLOD-ING SWORD DANCE
SOME-THING'S WRONG WITH HARU!

DEATH BALLAD BOMB!!!
AAAHH!!
ELIE, GET DOWN!
THAT'S KING'S TRICK

RUNE
SAVE

RUNE SAVE ...
SEAL SWORD DANCE... DEMON SEAL!!!
...IS SEALED!!
!!O
HARU, LOOK OUT!!

MILLION SUNS!!!
THAT WAS PRETTY SMART SEALING RUNE SAVE SO CAN'T USE IT

HUH?
MEMORY DUST!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!

HISTORY'S LEGACY THE KEY TO THE WORLD... IT'S ALL CRUMBLING!
THE ACCUMULATED MEMORIES OF STAR VESTIGE ARE VANISHING
HARU OR LUCIA, REGARDLESS WHO WINS...
THAT'S REALLY SAD
THE MEMORIES
ELIE...
...NEW HISTORY IS BEING WRITTEN HERE.

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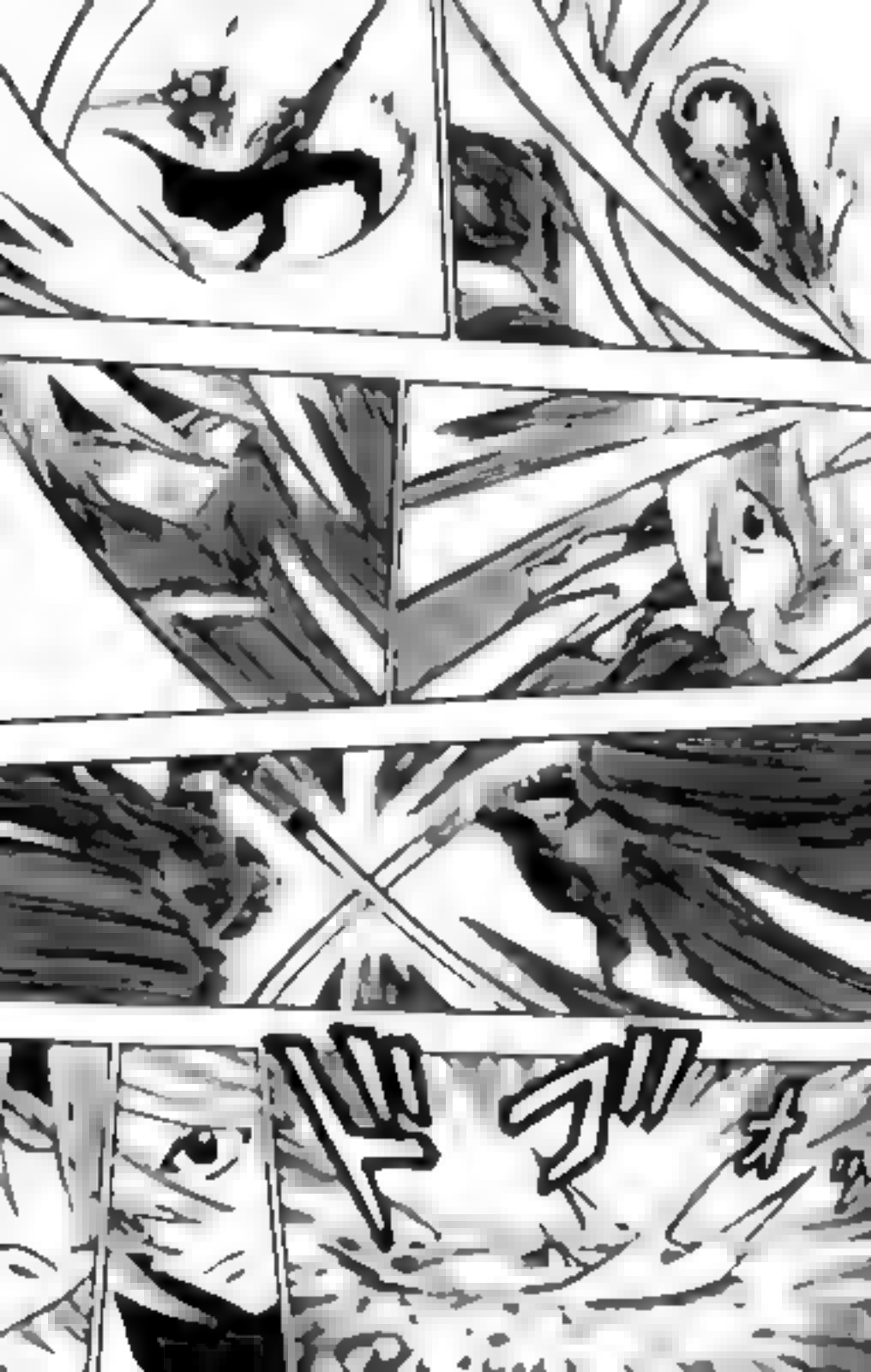
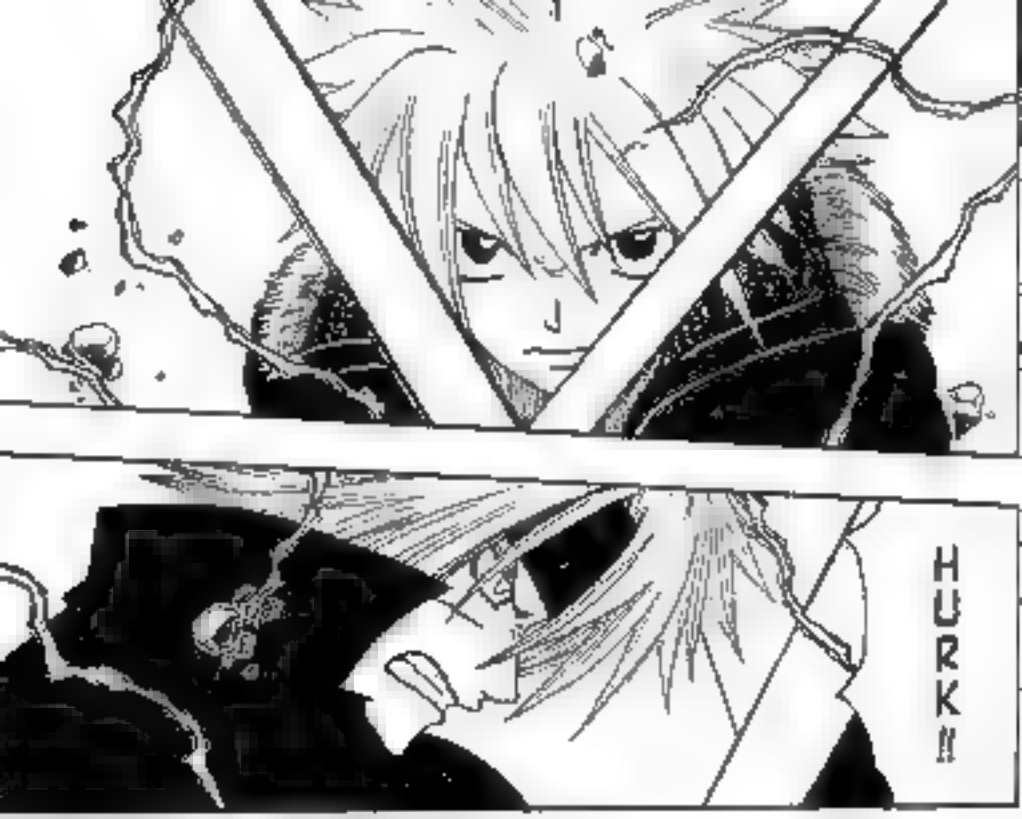




SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT..

MOVE
...OUT OF THE WAY!!

HE'S STILL STANDING?!

HARU!
RAVE MASTER
I'M DONE WARMING UP
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT NEEDS TO PULL OUT ALL THE STOPS.
SEEN HARU LIKE THIS?

YOU AMUSE ME NO LONGER
I'VE SPARED YOU LONG ENOUGH SCUM
PLAY-TIME IS OVER
PREPARE FOR THE DARK BRING POWER THAT BROUGHT THE WORLD TO ITS KNEES.

LUCIA
YOU LOSE!!
DON'T USE IT!! HARU!!

RAVE: 164 ✚ THE DEMON SWORD, BERSERK?!

Pull
Pull
Zzz
Zzz
Zzz
Boo
Boo
Strike
Strike
WHAT'S THAT SNAIL, POYO?
WHAT, POYO?!
AH, KISS ELSE WE MUST?!
OHH NYA NYAAA. ST..L HUNGRY NYA NYAAA
PUPIIII
ゴルゴル
PUPIIII
PUPIIII

POUUUU!!
すもたた
キョロ キョロ
もじ もじ
POUUUU!!
SHAAA!!
JOE'S STAND
THERE FORE MUST EAT!
EAT!
POUU!!
BON APPETIT!

HARUP
SHUDA!!!

NNGH!
YOU'RE JUST SUPPOSED TO WATCH 'TIL WE'RE DONE.
YOU'RE A WITNESS. QUIT GETTING INVOLVED!
SINCLAIRE'S POWER IS ABSOLUTE.
CAN TAKE YOU BOTH ON, IF YOU'D LIKE.
HARU--WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT SWORD?! RAVE'S DESTROYING YOU. ISN'T IT?
ISN'T IT?!
SHUDA, GUYS.. YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND! I NEED THIS TO WIN!
IT'S ONLY GONNA TAKE ME.

YOUR FATHER MIXED ONE HECK OF A SWORD IN WITH THE OTHER NINE.
I DON'T KNOW... BUT I HAVE TO WIN.
'Forbidden
SACRIFAR
THE BLOODLUST SWORD, SACRIFAR!!

GET REAL SHUDA IF IT'S THAT BAD WE ... STOP HIM OURSELVES
WE LOST OUR CHANCE TO STOP HIM
DO YOU REALLY WANT HIM TO KILL HIS FRIENDS?
STAY BACK!!
WHAT? WHAT THE HE... KINDA SWORD IS THAT?

HARU'S POWER WILL BE THROUGH THE ROOF BUT HE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTROL IT!!
SPACE PIRATE
YOU HEARD WHAT IT'S CALLED! THE SWORD SEALS ALL EMOTIONS BUT AGGRESSION!!
DO YOU GET IT NOW?!
THE SWORD GOES BERSERK AND KILLS ITS WIELDER!!
NOW WE CAN ONLY WATCH
A DEMON SWORD
WILL KILL HIM
THE SWORD

HARU KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.
BUT HE CALLED THE SWORD ANYWAY
AO!
AAAAAH
HEH..
PRAY FOR HIM.

THIS IS THE POWER OF SINCLAIRE !!
EYES ON ME, WORM !!
THE PRESSURE INSIDE THIS WARPED DIMENSIONAL SPACE CAN ANNIHILATE ANYTHING!!
DISTORTION !!!

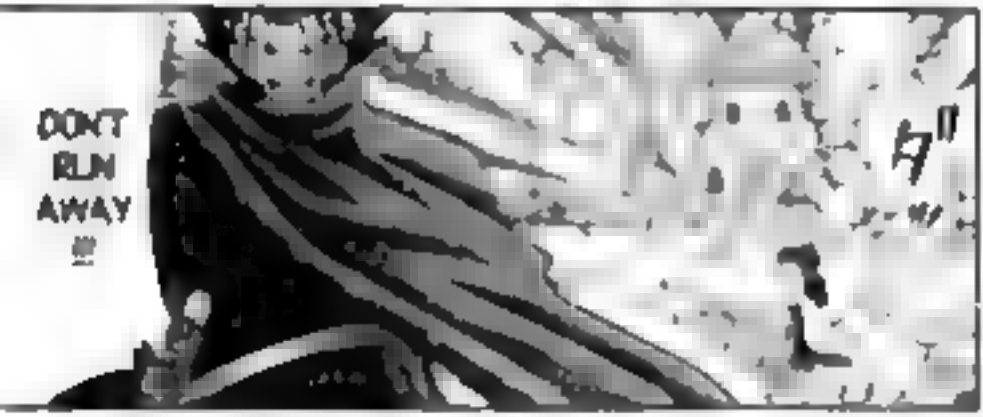
CRAP!!
IT'S MAKING STUFF VANISH!!

.....!!!

WHAT?

ARE YOU SEEING THIS?!

GYAAAAH!!!
ZOOOO=
ZOOOOO=
WHO ARE YOU-


DON'T
RUN
AWAY
!!

I'M NOT
RUNNING
AWAY!!!

I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING!

HE'S GONE ?!

WHERE ARE YOU, PLUE?!
PLUE!!

HARU'S IN TROUBLE! WE HAVE TO FIND PLUE!

HM? I'M SORRY WAS ASLEEP
EVERYBODY WAKE UP! WHERE'D PLUE GO?!

HE'S NOT HERE, POYO!
OR HERE! EGAD!
MY GUT'S TELL-ING ME SO!
JUST THINK... PLUE CAN HELP!
DON'T KNOW!
EJE! WHY'RE YOU LOOK-ING FOR PLUE?!
!!
PERHAPS ATE SOME THING ODD...
HMM...HERO THOUGH I AM, MY STOMACH FEELS STRANGELY UNSETTLED.
BURP
BLUB
BUT WITH 'IM!
ARGH! YOU'RE SO STU-PID!!
PUNCH!!!
YOU DIDN'T
YOU ATE MASTER PLUE?!

ヘルちゃあ～
I LIVE ANOTHER DAY!!
OH! SWEET FREE-DOM!!

I'M SURROUND-ED BY LUNATICS!
PHEW! I FEEL MUCH BETTER
WHY'D HE GO AND EAT YOU?
WE'D BETTER KEEP LOOKING

WHY AREN'T YOU HERE WHEN WE NEED YOU MOST OF ALL?'
PLUE... WHERE ARE YOU?

HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
HUFF...
THERE'S NO QUESTION...
LUCIA COULDN'T TOUCH HIM.
BUT...
...AT THIS RATE...

...HARU WON'T STOP!
THE DEMON SWORD CONTROLS HIM NOW!!
TO BE CONTINUED

"AFTERWORDS"

FINALLY, RAVE'S TWENTIETH VOLUME! TIME FLIES...IT'S BEEN ALMOST FOUR YEARS SINCE I BEGAN LIFE AS A MANGA ARTIST. I HAD A LOT OF HELP--AND I'M GRATEFUL FOR IT EVERY SINGLE DAY. THANKS FOR EVERYTHING! BUT DON'T START FORGETTING ME FROM HERE ON OUT, EITHER.

ACTUALLY, I PLANNED THIS BATTLE WITH LUCIA TO BE A HALFWAY POINT OF THE SAGA. A SORT OF "CLIMAX OF THE SECOND ACT." FROM HERE, THE VARIOUS MYSTERIES OF THE RAVE MASTER SAGA WILL BEGIN TO BE RESOLVED...PROBABLY!

WHY DID SHIBA KNOW HARU? WHAT IS THE ENDLESS? WHAT'S THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HARU AND LUCIA, AND THE REMAINS OF SYMPHONIA? WHAT WAS RESHA'S CRIME? ELIE'S MEMORY, THE MEANING OF RAVE, THE WHOLE SIEG "PROTECTING TIME" STUFF, HAJA'S TRUE FORM? AND, OF COURSE, THE CONCLUSION.

I THINK IT'S NATURAL TO BE EXCITED ABOUT FINALLY DRAWING EVERYTHING I WANT TO. BUT HOLD ON JUST A BIT LONGER, FOLKS. THIS PART STILL HAS A LITTLE JUICE LEFT.

THERE'S ONLY ONE MORE RAVE AND ONE MORE TEN POWERS FORM...BUT HEY, WE'VE GOT A WHOLE SECOND HALF OF THE SERIES TO GO. I THINK IT'LL BE LONG ENOUGH.

TO ALL READERS, AND ESPECIALLY TO THE FANS WHO WRITE WITH "DON'T END THE SERIES!" I THINK ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END AS A PART OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT. I PROMISE TO DRAW A REALLY COOL MANGA NEXT TIME. SERIOUSLY, I WILL. OF COURSE, THAT'S STILL ABOUT TEN VOLUMES DOWN THE ROAD. (^_^) UNTIL THEN, I'LL TRY MY BEST TO FULFILL EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

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